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This tutorial surveys design methods for energy-efficient system-level design. We consider electronic systems consisting of a hardware platform and software layers. We consider the three major constituents of hardware that consume energy, namely computation, communication, and storage units, and we review methods of reducing their energy consumption. We also study models for analyzing the energy cost of software, and methods for energy-efficient software design and compilation. This survey ...

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This paper describes initial research using the Virtual Reality Modeling Language (VRML97) in construction industry applications. The modeling of steel structures and construction equipment as objects for inclusion in construction-site world models was studied. The ultimate goal is to provide three-dimensional web-based technologies for managing, accessing, and viewing construction project information.

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This paper presents a memory binding algorithm for behaviors that are characterized by the presence of conditionals and deeply-nested loops that access memory extensively through arrays. Unlike previous works, this algorithm examines the effects of branch probabilities and allocation constraints. First, we demonstrate, through examples, the importance of incorporating branch probabilities and allocation constraint information when searching for a performance-efficient memory binding. We als ...

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This paper describes a method of synthesis of asynchronous circuits with relative timing. Asynchronous communication between gates and modules typically utilizes handshakes to ensure functionality. Relative timing assumptions in the form "event a occurs before event b" can be used to remove redundant handshakes and associated logic. This paper presents a method for automatic generation of relative timing assumptions from the unt ...

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Constraining and input biasing are frequently used techniques in functional verification methodologies based on randomized simulation generation. Constraints confine the simulation to a legal input space, while input biasing, which can be considered as a probabilistic constraint, makes it easier to cover interesting "corner" cases. In this paper, we propose to use constraints and biasing to form a simulation environment instead of using an expli ...

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Freehand sketching has long had appeal as an artistic medium for conceptual design because of its immediacy in capturing and communicating design intent and visual experience. We present a sketching paradigm that supports the early stages of design by preserving the fluidity of traditional freehand drawings. In addition, it attempts to fill the gap between 2D drawing programs, which have fixed views, and 3D modeling programs that allow arbitrary views. We implement our application as a two- ...

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In recent years, formal methods have emerged as an alternative approach to ensuring the quality and correctness of hardware designs, overcoming some of the limitations of traditional validation techniques such as simulation and testing. There are two main aspects to the application of formal methods in a design process: the formal framework used to specify desired properties of a design and the verification techniques and tools used to reason about the relationship between a spec ...

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Functional partitioning assigns the functions of a system's program-like specification among system components, such as standard-software and custom-hardware processors. We introduce a new transformation, called procedure cloning, that significantly improves functional partitioning results. The transformation creates a clone of a procedure for sole use by a particular procedure caller, so the clone can be assigned to the caller's processor, which in turn improves performance through reduced ...

Keywords: behavioral synthesis, embedded systems, functional partitioning, hardware/software codesign, replication, system-level design, system-on-a-chip, transformations

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In this paper, we present a power estimation technique for control-flow intensive designs that is tailored towards driving iterative high-level synthesis systems, where hundreds of architectural trade-offs are explored and compared. Our method is fast and relatively accurate. The algorithm utilizes the behavioral information to extract branch probabilities, and uses these in conjunction with switching activity and circuit capacitance information, to estimate the power consumption of a given ...

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In this paper, we present an algorithm for the application of a general class of transformations to control-flow intensive behavioral descriptions. Our algorithm is based on the observation that incorporation of scheduling information can help guide the selection and application of candidate transformations, and significantly enhance the quality of the synthesized solution. The efficacy of the selected throughput and power optimizing transformations is enhanced by the ability of our algorit ...

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We present a technique for synthesizing power- as well as area-optimized circuits from hierarchical data flow graphs under throughput constraints. We allow for the use of complex RTL modules, such as FFTs and filters, as building blocks for the RTL circuit, in addition to simple RTL modules such as adders and multipliers. Unlike past techniques in the area, we also customize the complex RTL modules to match the environment in which they find themselves. We present a fast and efficient algor ...

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